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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application to Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Corpus Christi International Airport, Corpus Christi, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Corpus Christi International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Bonnie Allin, Director of Aviation, at the following address: Ms. Bonnie Allin, Director of Aviation, City of Corpus Christi, 1000 International Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78406-1801.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under Section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5614.

The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Corpus Christi International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On December 15, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to compose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport was substantially complete within the requirements of Section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than April 18, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: April 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: March 1, 2017.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$33,887,996.00.

PFC application number: 98-02-C-00-CRP.

Brief description of proposed projects:

Projects to Impose and Use PFC'S

1. Lighting Control (EMCS)
2. ADA Compliance/Safety Enhancement
3. Canopy Expansion and Enhancement
4. Structural Repair to Terminal Building
5. Land Acquisition Environmental Assessment
6. Airport Planning Studies
7. Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation
8. Runway 13-31 Repairs/Drainage
9. Landside Roadway System Reconstruction
10. Runway 13-31 Extension Environmental Assessment
11. Airfield Drainage Improvements
12. Airfield Equipment Storage Facility
13. Airfield Lighting Monitoring and Control System
14. Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Improvements
15. Commercial Apron Rehabilitation
16. Commercial Apron Expansion
17. Access Control System Replacement
18. Taxiway G Lighting and Paving and West GA Apron
19. Taxiway F Extension
20. Aircraft Rescue Vehicle
21. Vacuum Sweeper
22. Passenger Lift Device
23. PFC Program Formulation Costs
24. Environmental Assessment (Stormwater)

Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFC's:

FAR part 135 air charter operators who operate aircraft with a seating capacity of less than 10 passengers.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Corpus Christi International Airport.

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Manager, Airports Division.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Foreign Language and Area Studies—U.S. Students and Scholars; Request for Proposals

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop and administer programs in cooperation with USIA that will assist U.S. citizens who are graduate students and postdoctoral scholars and who have a new or established interest in North African, Middle Eastern and South Asian studies. Activities permitted under this program include foreign language training, foreign area studies and foreign area research for periods ranging from two to twenty-four months abroad.

Overall grant-making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * * ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests,